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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is a petition requesting withdrawal of the August 1, 2008 Notice of  
Abandonment in the above-identified patent application.

I, Paul J. Maginot, of the law firm of Maginot, Moore & Beck LLP, do hereby  
state and attest to the following:

1. A Response to Office Action and associated filing documents were mailed on February 19, 2008 to the Commissioner for Patents. (Copies of such documents are attached hereto as Attachment I.) Note that the Response to Office Action contained thereon a Certificate of Mailing. (See Attachment I.)

2. Thereafter, a return post card accompanying the Response to Office Action identified in paragraph 1 was received by my law firm on February 28, 2008 possessing a stamp of the OIPE of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office bearing a date of February 21, 2008. (A copy of such stamped post card is attached hereto as Attachment II.)

3. The post card identified in paragraph 2 lists items that were mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 19, 2008, namely, a "Transmittal Letter (2 pages)" and a "Response to Office Action (8 pages)". No strike marks appear on the post card that would indicate that either of these items was not received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the August 1, 2008 Holding of Abandonment be withdrawn and that substantive examination of this application be undertaken.

It is believed that no fee is required for this petition. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fee, or fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are

hereby petitioned for, and any fees therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our  
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